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MINIMUM WEEKLY WAGE RATES AND PRESCRIBED HOURS OF LABOUR FOR EMPLOYEES
IN SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA, AT 31ST DECEMBER, 1959.

(Wages and hours are quoted from Awards, Determinations or Agreements operative at 31st December, 1959).

ADULT MALES

Industry and Occupation	SYDNEY		MELBOURNE	
	Wage Rate	Hours	Wage Rate	Hours
	s. d.		s. d.	
<u>WOOD, FURNITURE, SAWMILLS, ETC.</u>				
<u>COOPERING -</u>				
Cooper	379/-	40	399/-	40
<u>FURNITURE -</u>				
Cabinet Maker	351/-	"	371/-	"
Chairmaker	351/-	"	371/-	"
French Polisher	351/-	"	371/-	"
Wood Carver	351/-	"	371/-	"
Wood Machinist	351/-	"	371/-	"
<u>SAWMILLING AND TIMBER YARDS</u>				
Box and Case Maker	334/-	"	326/-	"
Labourer	301/-	"	293/-	"
<u>Machinist -</u>				
Boults Carver	376/6	"	368/6	"
Moulding	376/6	"	368/6	"
Planing	376/6	"	368/6	"
Shaping	376/6	"	368/6	"
Orderman	344/6	"	336/6	"
<u>Sawyer -</u>				
Band or Jig	379/-	"	371/-	"
Circular	369/-	"	361/-	"
Tallyman	338/-	"	330/-	"
<u>ENGINEERING, METAL WORKS, ETC.</u>				
<u>BOILERMAKING -</u>				
Boilermaker	379/-	"	371/-	"
Helper	312/6	"	304/6	"
Labourer	294/6	"	286/6	"
<u>ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION</u>				
Electrical Mechanic	360/-	"	371/-	"
<u>ELECTRICAL SUPPLY</u>				
Electrical Fitter	406/-	"	396/6	"
Instrument Maker	430/-	"	428/6	"
Linesman	391/-	"	371/-	"
Sub-Station Maintenance Fitter	409/-	"	371/-	"

WEEKLY WAGE RATES AND HOURS, ADULT MALES, SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE,

31ST DECEMBER, 1959 - (Cont'd)

Industry and Occupation	SYDNEY		MELBOURNE	
	Wage Rate	Hours	Wage Rate	Hours
	s. d.		s. d.	
<u>ENGINEERING, METAL WORKS,</u>				
<u>ETC. - (Cont'd.)</u>				
<u>ENGINEERING -</u>				
Blacksmith	382/-	40	374/-	40
Brassfinisher	379/-	"	371/-	"
Coppersmith	382/-	"	374/-	"
Fitter	379/-	"	371/-	"
Labourer	294/6	"	286/6	"
Patternmaker	408/-	"	400/-	"
Shaper	379/-	"	371/-	"
Striker	318/-	"	310/-	"
Turner	379/-	"	371/-	"
<u>FOUNDRY -</u>				
Coremakers - machine	347/-	"	339/-	"
Coremakers - jobbing	379/-	"	371/-	"
Dressers	344/-	"	336/-	"
Furnacemen	340/6	"	332/6	"
Moulders - machine	347/-	"	339/-	"
Moulders - jobbing	379/-	"	371/-	"
<u>SHEET METAL WORKING -</u>				
Canister Maker	321/6	"	313/6	"
Machinist	311/-	"	303/-	"
Solderer	321/6	"	313/6	"
Sheet Metal Worker, 1st Class	379/-	"	371/-	"
Sheet Metal Worker, 2nd Class	347/-	"	339/-	"
<u>FOOD, DRINK AND TOBACCO, ETC.</u>				
<u>BAKING (BREAD)-</u>				
Board Hand	362/-	"	375/-	"
Ovensman	370/6	"	375/-	"
Single Hand	367/-	"	398/4	"
Bread Carter	339/-	"	347/6	"
<u>BAKING (BISCUITS AND CAKES)-</u>				
Baker	340/-	"	325/-	"
Labourer	302/-	"	295/-	"
Mixer	326/-	"	325/-	"
<u>BREWING -</u>				
Cellarman	337/-	"	339/-	"
Driver (Motor, 3 tons)	354/6	"	333/-	"
Labourer	337/-	"	330/-	"
Malt Hand	337/-	"	336/6	"
Towerman	345/6	"	339/-	"
<u>BUTCHERING (RETAIL)-</u>				
Carter (1 horse)	336/6	"	328/6	"
General Butcher	377/6	"	369/6	"
Shopman	377/6	"	369/6	"
Smallgoodsman	377/6	"	369/6	"
<u>CONFECTIONERY -</u>				
Confectioner (Grade 1)	346/-	"	342/-	"
Storeman	319/-	"	318/6	"
<u>JAM MAKING -</u>				
General Labourer	308/6	"	308/6	"
Solderer	315/-	"	315/-	"
<u>MEAT PACKING -</u>				
Capper	342/-	"	353/-	"
Guillotine Hand	321/-	"	365/10	"
Jokerman	335/-	"	349/-	"
Packer	321/-	"	349/-	"
Seamer	342/-	"	353/-	"

WEEKLY WAGE RATES AND HOURS, ADULT MALES, SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE,

31ST DECEMBER, 1959 - (Cont'd)

Industry and Occupation	SYDNEY		MELBOURNE	
	Wage Rate	Hours	Wage Rate	Hours
	s. d.		s. d.	
<u>FOOD, DRINK AND TOBACCO, ETC. - (Cont'd)</u>				
<u>MILLING (FLOUR) -</u>				
Miller (Shift)	418/-	40	418/-	40
Packerman	338/6	"	338/6	"
Purifierman	344/6	"	344/6	"
Smutterman	344/6	"	344/6	"
Storeman (Head)	358/-	"	358/-	"
Topman	344/6	"	344/6	"
<u>PASTRYCOOKING -</u>				
Packer	312/-	"	293/-	"
Pastrycook	356/-	"	344/-	"
<u>CLOTHING, HATS, BOOTS, ETC.</u>				
<u>BOOTMAKING -</u>				
Clicker	346/6	"	346/6	"
<u>TAILORING (ORDER) -</u>				
Cutter	429/-	"	399/6	"
Presser	350/6	"	350/6	"
Tailor	365/-	"	365/-	"
<u>TAILORING (READYMADE) -</u>				
Cutter	371/-	"	371/-	"
Presser	350/6	"	350/6	"
Tailor	365/-	"	365/-	"
Trimmer	350/6	"	350/6	"
<u>TEXTILE WORKING (WOOLLEN MILLS) -</u>				
Carder	310/-	"	310/-	"
Dyehouseman	315/-	"	315/-	"
Labourer (General)	281/-	"	281/-	"
Scourer (Wool)	324/6	"	324/6	"
Spinner	310/-	"	310/-	"
Loom Tuner	348/-	"	348/-	"
Warper (Plain)	313/-	"	313/-	"
<u>BOOKS, PRINTING, BINDING, ETC.</u>				
<u>BOOKBINDING -</u>				
Finisher	379/-	"	371/-	"
Bookbinder	379/-	"	371/-	"
Paper Ruler	379/-	"	371/-	"
<u>PRINTING (DAILY NEWSPAPERS) -</u>				
Compositor (Machine)-				
Day Work	439/-	"	465/6	38
Night Work	459/-	"	502/6	"
Machinist (First Hand)-				
Day Work	394/-	"	441/6	40
Night Work	414/-	"	478/6	38
Publisher -				
Day Work	364/-	"	378/6	40
Night Work	384/-	"	415/6	38
Reader -				
Day Work	404/-	"	441/-	40
Night Work	424/-	"	478/-	38
Stereotyper -				
Day Work	394/-	"	437/-	39
Night Work	414/-	"	474/-	38
<u>PRINTING (JOBGING OFFICES) -</u>				
Compositor	408/-	"	400/-	40
Linotype Operator	408/-	"	400/-	"
Machinist	379/-	"	371/-	"
Reader	388/6	"	380/6	"
Stereotyper	379/-	"	371/-	"

WEEKLY WAGE RATES AND HOURS, ADULT MALES, SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE,

31ST DECEMBER, 1959 - (Cont'd)

Industry and Occupation	SYDNEY		MELBOURNE	
	Wage Rate	Hours	Wage Rate	Hours
	s. d.		s. d.	
OTHER MANUFACTURING				
BRICKMAKING -				
Burner	327/6	40	326/-	40
Pitman	342/6	"	348/-	"
Drawer	349/6	"	339/6	"
Trucker	338/-	"	321/6	"
Setter	349/6	"	339/6	"
VEHICLE BUILDING -				
Bodymaker, 1st Class	379/-	"	371/-	"
Labourer	287/-	"	279/-	"
Painter	369/6	"	361/6	"
Springfitter	379/-	"	371/-	"
Trimmer	369/6	"	361/6	"
Wheelwright	379/-	"	371/-	"
GAS-MAKING AND SUPPLY -				
Coke Trimmer	323/-	"	327/6	"
Gasfitter	372/-	"	386/6	"
Labourer	335/-	"	318/9	"
Meter Tester	354/-	"	357/6	"
Service Layer	357/-	"	364/6	"
Service Layer's Labourer	318/6	"	333/-	"
Operator retort house	350/6	"	355/6	"
JEWELLERY -				
Chainmaker	368/6	"	337/6	"
Mounter	388/-	"	365/-	"
Setter	388/-	"	365/-	"
LEATHER AND CANVAS WORK -				
Canvas Worker	349/6	"	341/6	"
Leather Worker	349/6	"	341/6	"
TANNING AND CURRYING -				
Beamsman	346/6	"	338/6	"
Labourer	308/-	"	300/-	"
Lime Jobber	343/6	"	335/6	"
Machinist -				
Shaving	356/-	"	348/-	"
Splitting	378/6	"	370/6	"
Unhairing	346/6	"	338/6	"
Tableman	347/6	"	339/6	"
BUILDING (a) -				
Bricklayer (Surface)	406/8	"	434/2	"
Bricklayer (Sewer and Tunnel)	426/8	"	450/-	"
Carpenter	413/4	"	438/4	"
Mason (Stone)	381/-	"	379/3	"
Painter	401/8	"	431/8	"
Paperhanger	401/8	"	431/8	"
Signwriter	416/8	"	431/8	"
Plasterer (Surface)	411/8	"	434/2	"
Plumber	418/11	"	450/2	"
Labourer -				
Bricklayer's	340/-	"	364/2	"
Carpenter's	340/-	"	364/2	"
Concrete Worker	340/-	"	364/2	"
Earth Excavator	340/-	"	364/2	"
Gear Worker	354/2	"	392/6	"
Scaffold Hand	354/2	"	392/6	"

(a) Rates are weekly equivalents of hourly rates. They include allowances for sick pay, statutory holidays, following the job, etc.

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31ST DECEMBER, 1959 - (Cont'd)

Industry and Occupation	SYDNEY		MELBOURNE	
	Wage Rate	Hours	Wage Rate	Hours
	s. d.		s. d.	
<u>RAILWAY AND TRAMWAY SERVICES</u>				
<u>RAILWAYS -</u>				
Engine Driver (Loco) -				
Steam, Diesel Electric or				
Electric	455/-	Ø	448/-	Ø
Express Mail or Passenger	474/-	Ø	467/-	Ø
Shunting Engine	397/-	Ø	373/-	Ø
Fireman -				
Ordinary	349/-	Ø	342/-	Ø
Express Mail or Passenger	359/-	Ø	352/-	Ø
Shunting Engine	325/-	Ø	318/-	Ø
Guard -				
1st Class	382/-	Ø	394/-	Ø
2nd Class	351/-	Ø	375/-	Ø
Porter	311/6	Ø	323/-	Ø
Shunter -				
Head	459/-	+	°°	°°
Leading	405/6	+	398/6	+
Ordinary	351/-	+	344/-	+
Signalman -				
1st Class	431/-	+	390/-	+
2nd Class	412/-	Ø	368/6	Ø
3rd Class	397/-	Ø	352/-	
<u>TRAMWAYS -</u>				
Conductor -				
1st Year	315/-	Ø	304/6	40
Thereafter	334/-	Ø	323/-	"
Labourer	312/6	Ø	298/-	"
Track Repairer	329/-	Ø	308/6	"
Tram Driver	350/-	Ø	332/6	"
Pitman	350/-	Ø	337/6	"
<u>TRANSPORT (OTHER)</u>				
<u>CARRYING MERCHANDISE -</u>				
Carter -				
1 Horse	321/-	40	305/-	"
2 Horses	331/-	"	321/-	"
Stable Hand	321/6	"	298/-	"
Motor Lorries and Waggon's -				
3 tons	351/-	"	333/-	"
Over 3 tons but under 6 tons	366/-	"	345/6	"
<u>WHARF LABOUR -</u>				
Wharf Labourer (per hour)	11/2½		11/2½	
<u>HOTELS, ETC.</u>				
<u>HOTELS -</u>				
Barman	334/-	40	326/-	40
Billiard Marker	308/6	"	300/6	"
Cook	430/-	"	422/-	"
Handyman	308/6	"	300/6	"
Kitchenman	308/6	"	300/6	"
Porter	308/6	"	300/6	"
Waiter	308/6	"	300/6	"
<u>HAIRDRESSING -</u>				
Hairdresser	349/-	"	340/-	"

Ø 80 hours per fortnight.

+ 76 hours per fortnight.

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31ST DECEMBER, 1959 - (Cont'd)

Industry and Occupation	SYDNEY		MELBOURNE	
	Wage Rate	Hours	Wage Rate	Hours
	s. d.		s. d.	
<u>GENERAL LABOUR</u>				
<u>FACTORY ENGINE DRIVING -</u>				
Engine Driver -				
1st Class	363/6	40	355/6	40
2nd Class	350/-	"	342/-	"
Fireman -				
1st Class	340/6	"	332/6	"
2nd Class	324/6	"	316/6	"
<u>MUNICIPAL -</u>				
Labourer	342/-	"	316/-	"
Street Sweeper	348/-	"	323/-	"
<u>SHOP ASSISTANTS -</u>				
Boot Salesman	341/-	"	331/-	"
Drapery Salesman	341/-	"	331/-	"
Furniture Salesman	341/-	"	335/-	"
Grocery Salesman	341/-	"	331/-	"
Hardware Salesman	341/-	"	331/-	"
Men's Clothing Salesman	341/-	"	331/-	"
<u>STOREMEN AND PACKERS -</u>				
Packer (General)	319/-	"	318/6	"
Storeman (General)	319/-	"	318/6	"

WEEKLY WAGE RATES AND HOURS, ADULT FEMALES, SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE,

31ST DECEMBER, 1959

<u>FOOD</u>				
<u>BISCUIT MAKING</u>	231/-	40	226/-	40
<u>CONFECTIONERY</u>	229/-	"	224/-	"
<u>CLOTHING AND TEXTILES</u>				
<u>BOOTMAKING</u>	234/6	"	234/6	"
<u>DRESSMAKING (READYMADE) - Cutter</u>	259/-	"	259/-	"
<u>MILLINERY - Cutter</u>	259/-	"	259/-	"
<u>SHIRT MAKING - Cutter</u>	259/-	"	259/-	"
<u>UNDERCLOTHING - Cutter</u>	259/-	"	259/-	"
<u>TAILORING (MEN'S) ORDER -</u>				
Coat Hand (Machinist)	259/-	"	259/-	"
Trousers and Vest Hand	240/6	"	240/6	"
Tailoress	286/-	"	286/-	"
Adult Female	214/-	"	214/-	"
<u>TAILORING (MEN'S) READYMADE -</u>				
Coat Hand (Machinist)	244/-	"	244/-	"
Trousers and Vest Hand	236/6	"	236/6	"
Adult Female	214/-	"	214/-	"
<u>TEXTILE WORKING WOOLLEN MILLS -</u>				
Comb Minder	227/-	"	227/-	"
Darner and Mender	232/-	"	232/-	"
Warper, Plain	229/-	"	229/-	"
Weaver, Loom	232/-	"	232/-	"
Gillbox Minder	225/-	"	225/-	"
Other Adult	211/-	"	211/-	"

WEEKLY WAGE RATES AND HOURS, ADULT FEMALES, SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE

31ST DECEMBER, 1959 - (Cont'd)

Industry and Occupation	SYDNEY		MELBOURNE	
	Wage Rate	Hours	Wage Rate	Hours
	s. d.		s. d.	
<u>BOOKS, PRINTING, ETC.</u>				
<u>BOOKBINDING -</u>				
Folder	242/6	40	236/6	40
Sewer	242/6	"	236/6	"
<u>CARDBOARD BOX -</u>				
Boxmaker	240/-	"	234/-	"
Other	228/-	"	222/-	"
<u>PRINTING -</u>				
Jobbing Office Assistant	242/6	"	236/6	"
<u>HOTELS AND RESTAURANTS</u>				
<u>HOTELS -</u>				
Barmaid	260/-	"	326/-	"
Housemaid	234/-	"	228/-	"
Laundress	235/-	"	229/-	"
Waitress - Head	242/6	"	236/6	"
Other	234/-	"	228/-	"
<u>RESTAURANTS -</u>				
Pantry Maid	236/6	"	221/-	"
Waitress	236/6	"	221/-	"
<u>SHOPS, ETC.</u>				
<u>CLERKS -</u>				
Cashier (Shops)	268/6	"	253/-	"
Clerical Assistant	263/-	"	248/6	"
<u>SHOPS -</u>				
Boot Saleswoman	268/6 and 341/-	"	235/3 and 331/-	"
Drapery Saleswoman	268/6 and 341/-	"	235/3 and 331/-	"
Fruit and Confectionery Saleswoman	261/-	"	231/3	"
Newsagent and Bookstall Saleswoman	261/-	"	224/-	"

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